

**Kirk Swann's 'Synoptical List of the Accipitres.'**<sup>1</sup>—This useful list is continued from *Herpetotheres* to *Pernis* in the present instalment, completing eighty genera. We notice that our American White-tailed Kite is regarded as a subspecies of the Australian *Elanus axillaris*. With actual intergradation out of the question this disposition of the bird must have been made upon the claim of overlapping of characters, but we fail to find the claim sustained upon an examination of material at hand, though it is interesting to note the resemblance between the two species in connection with the arguments for a relationship between the Australian and South American faunas which have from time to time been published.

This instalment of Mr. Swann's work contains an additional list of ten species and subspecies omitted from the preceding parts, among which we notice *Spizaetus batesi* W. Selater, which we regard as identical with *S. africanus* Cassin.—W. S.

**Dr. Shufeldt's Bibliography.**—In the 'Medical Review of Reviews' for January, 1920,<sup>2</sup> there is begun a bibliography of the writings of Dr. R. W. Shufeldt prepared by himself, with a short introduction from which we learn that since the appearance of his first paper in 1881, he has published from twenty-five to thirty papers or books annually, the total at the present time numbering considerably over 1500. The subjects while largely biological, cover a wide range of topics. The present instalment runs to the end of 1888 and carries the list to No. 201. The author's papers, as is well known, are so widely scattered that a bibliography of this sort will be a convenience to those who wish to consult them, and surely no one is so well fitted for compiling the list as the author himself. Our only regret is that the biographical portion is not more complete.—W. S.

**Stuart Baker on Egg Collecting and Its Objects.**—It is very gratifying to have an article on egg collecting from one who is himself a collector and yet who fully appreciates what is meant by the word science. When the scientific ornithologist has attempted to point out the weak points in egg collecting, he receives scant attention from the egg collector who considers that he knows nothing about the subject, while many a collector who claims to be collecting for "scientific" purposes fails to show the slightest appreciation of the meaning of that term.

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<sup>1</sup> Synoptical List of the Accipitres (Diurnal Birds of Prey) Part III. January 20, 1920, pp. 77-114. Price, 4 shillings.

<sup>2</sup> Complete List of My Published Writings. With Brief Biographical Notes. (First Instalment.) By R. W. Shufeldt, M. D., Major, Medical Corps, U. S. Army. Medical Review of Reviews, XXVI, No. 1, January, 1920, pp. 17-24. Frederick H. Robinson, senior editor, 51 East 59th St., New York City, N. Y. Price per number, 25 cents.